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 LR 130, 131, 132

Pedersen, LR 130; Senator Erdman, LR 131, that's a laid over resolution; and LR 132, Senator Schimek, a study resolution. (Legislative Journal pages 1782-1785.)

Mr. President, the next amendment to LB 407, Senator Brashear, I have AM1885. Senator, I do have a note that you would like to offer, as a substitute, AM1898.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. Clerk.

SENATOR CUDABACK: No objection, so ordered.

CLERK: Senator Brashear would move to amend with AM1898. (Legislative Journal page 1785.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear, to open on that amendment to LB 407.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, thank you. Members of the body, this is simply an idea that I will try to keep simple and I will tell you from whence it comes. Yesterday it seemed to me, as I listened to people on the floor, it seemed to me there was a great deal of concern with not wanting to cut the university further and not wanting to cut K-12 education further, and so, together with very good people, I kept thinking about what else can we cut? And I want to make it very clear that I'm not being presumptive on the will and the majority of the body, but this is time, I think, to put this issue on the table. If you will advance LB 759, depending on whether it is the will of the majority to include or not include motor vehicle repair as it has been discussed, and I'll not go further into how that might be compromised if it was satisfactory to you, but simply I'm allowing for the fact that motor vehicle repair may or may not be in LB 759. All right. So if you were to advance LB 759 and depending on whether motor vehicle repair were in or out of the bill, in its present form with those exceptions we are broadening the tax base. When we broaden the tax base those cities that have a sales tax derive additional, unplanned, unscheduled, unforeseen sales tax revenue. I'll refer to that, not trying to be disparaging, but as a windfall. Well, it seems to me in these difficult economic times that it is not our